



Early Childhood Coordinating Council Retreat
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
Location: Montgomery County Early Childhood Services
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jennifer Arnaíz, JoAnn Barnes, Deann Collins, Amy Cropp, Michele Dean, Patsy Evans, Joan Glick, Jacqueline Grant (for Kim Grant), Michelle Green, April Kaplan, Dede Marshall, Meredith Myers, Mónica Ortiz, Linda Owen, Natasha Ramberg, Claudia Simmons, Vivian Yao

Members Absent: Barbara Andrews, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, Stephanie Brant, Carl Eggleston, Carol Legarreta, Rebecca Smith

Staff Present: Sarah Wilch-Spamer, DHHS

Guests Present: Laura Hilton, Catherine Nardi, Kisha Patterson, Tobi Printz-Platnick, Portia Willis

Deann Collins called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

Action: Approval of the summary of the February 10, 2016 Early Childhood Coordinating Council (ECCC) meeting—Motion: Patsy Evans; Second: Claudia Simmons. All in favor.

2016-2017 meeting dates were disseminated.

UPDATES:

Introduction of Mónica Ortiz, Policy Officer for Early Care and Education

Overview of County Final Budget for Early Childhood: Joann Barnes provided an overview of the County's final FY17 budget as related to Early Childhood. New funds were added to the Working Parents Assistance (WPA) program. County funds will continue to supplement children ages 2 to 5 years old who are receiving the state child care subsidy.

Strategic Planning and Future Commitment: Jennifer Arnaíz provided information on the work being done by Otero Strategy Group.

Overview of Discussion with Principals and Follow-Up to ECCC Retreat: Based on the discussion at the ECCC retreat in April, Deann and Claudia are considering hosting a meeting with child care providers in Montgomery County Public Schools to gain additional information from child care providers, learn how children are being prepared for kindergarten, and the strategic goals of MCPS.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS/RETREAT FOLLOW-UP AND REPORT PREPARATION:

Committees met to review outcomes from their work and to make recommendations for the annual report.

2016 READINESS RESULTS/THINKING ABOUT PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members reviewed the Fall 2015 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) data and completed worksheets to inform the work of the ECCC moving forward.

OTHER TOPICS/DISCUSSION

- A visitor to the meeting discussed her concerns regarding the child care subsidies system and provided a letter that outlines the concerns. The Executive Committee will review and discuss the letter.
- Patsy Evans mentioned the work the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is doing around the push for professionalism of early care and education and encouraged the membership to check out the NAEYC website for possible endorsement through the ECCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Positive Youth Development Team work is beginning its “Summer of Peace” work on June 20th.
- Tobi Printz-Platnick was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work on the Montgomery County Early Childhood Advisory Council.

ECCC Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.